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Washington, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF  
GENERAL COUNSEL

Ms. Sarah Lamdan  
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Re: FOIA Appeal EPA-HQ-2018-002344 (FOIA Request EPA-HQ-2017-007478)

Dear Ms. Lamdan:

On January 5, 2018, you filed a Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") appeal with the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"). You appealed September 5, 2017 decision of Justina Fugh, Senior Counsel for Ethics, Office of General Counsel. Your request sought "all email, correspondence, and government records about Dr. Nancy Beck's Executive Order 13770 Ethics pledge regarding a bar on people involved in lobbying activities for [two] years after the end of those activities," as more fully described in your request.

EPA is in the process of reviewing FOIA appeals from its backlog. Please notify me within thirty working days from receipt of this letter if you are still interested in proceeding with this FOIA appeal. I can be contacted by email at [schwarz.matthew@epa.gov](mailto:schwarz.matthew@epa.gov), by phone at (202) 564-5654, or by mail at the following address: Matthew Schwarz, Office of General Counsel, (Mail Code 2377A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington D.C. 20460. Please reference appeal number EPA-HQ-2018-002344 in any correspondence. If EPA does not receive a response within the designated time, we will consider your appeal voluntarily withdrawn and close the file.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew D. Schwarz", is written over a horizontal line.

Matthew D. Schwarz  
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